Munireddy Palyam Disturbances

400. Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of deaths occurred during the Minireddy Palyam disturbance in Bangalore City ;

(*b*) the loss of property due to this incident ;

(*c*) the amount of compensation paid to the victims ;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that some of the top ranking Police officials are responsible for these riots ; if so, the action taken against such officers ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Four.

(*b*) About Rs. 2,33,806.

(*c*) An ex-gratia relief of Rs. 5,000 has been granted to the family of the deceased Police Constable, 643 Channarayappa of City Armed Reserve, Bangalore, who died whlle on duty during the communal disturbances at Munireddy Palya on 17th October 1972.

(*d*) No.

Elections to Belgaum Municipality

599. Sri P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for not publishing the programme of elections to the Belgaum Mumicipality even though its term has expired on 28-2-1973 ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the election cannot be held because of the delay in depositing the probable expenses for getting the electoral rolls printed by the Municipality ;

(*c*) when the direction to deposit the amount was given to the Municipal Council and why it was not deposited although the amount was provided for in the Municipal budget ;

(*d*) the person responsible for this ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Municipal Administration).

(*a*) Territorial divisions of—

(i) the Belgaum Municipality have not been finalised.

(ii) Government have since extended the term of the Municipal Council by six months.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) On 21-9-1972. Reason not known.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (*c*).

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance

re: **Purchase of land for construction of work-shop etc., in Raichur**

Sri KAGODU THIMMAPPA (Sagar).—I beg to call the attention of the hon. Minister for Labour to the purchase of land for construction of workshop, etc., at Raichur.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for labour).—I state as follows, Madam.

The Mysore State Road Transport Corporation constituted a committee to go into the question of establishing a Division at Raichur and for locating the Divisional Workshop, Offices, etc., and put up its recommendations.

Accordingly, the Committee after inspecting all the available lands-decided that the workshop etc. should be located on the Raichur, Yeramarus Road and selected 20 acres of vacant land a little away from the office of the Superintendent of police. This land vests with the Mathadipathy of the Naradagudda Mutt. Proposal for the acquisition of this area was forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, Raichur District, Raichur. The latter, however, intimated that this area is already under acquisition for the Mysore State Industrial Area Development Board, Bangalore and hence it was not available and Mysore State Road Transport Corporation may propose some other suitable land.

The Committee in its report has stated if no other land is available, the Mysore State Road Transport Corporation may acquire land belonging to a private party situated on the Raichur-Kurnool Road, the owner of which is one Sri Lakshman.

In view of the non-avilability of the land vested with Naradagudda Mutt as the same was required by the Institution indicated above, fresh inspection was conducted at Raichur by the Hon'ble Minister for Transport and the Chairman, M.S.R.T.C. along with Revenue Authorities and it was found that taking all aspects into consideration